

From the Editors

Generally speaking, in Melbourne October is the wettest month. But since we have just experienced the hottest September on record, and a number of other weather records have been rewritten in the past couple of years, our expectations of weather perhaps need to be considered anew. Climate change is clearly with us, and will have an impact, not only on the comfort levels of humans, but on all living species of plants and animals.

In this context, field studies of the kind that are reported in this issue of *The Victorian Naturalist* are all the more important. They provide not only a record of what was observed in particular places, but in some cases a base level of information on the activities and environmental contexts of the species under study. The studies reported here are drawn from the widest range of Victoria's biodiversity and provide data that will be of enduring value, particularly in a world of rapidly changing climatic conditions.

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